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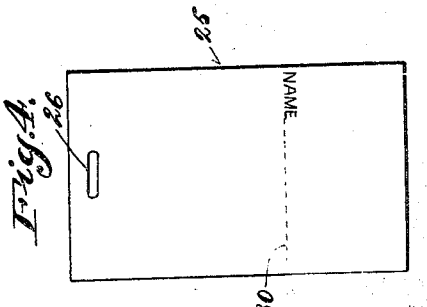


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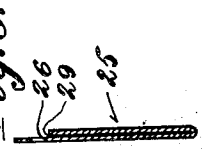


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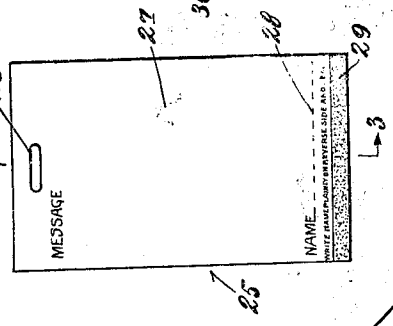


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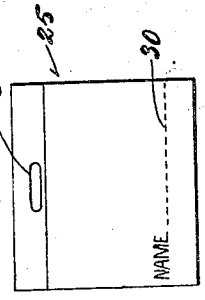


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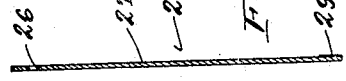


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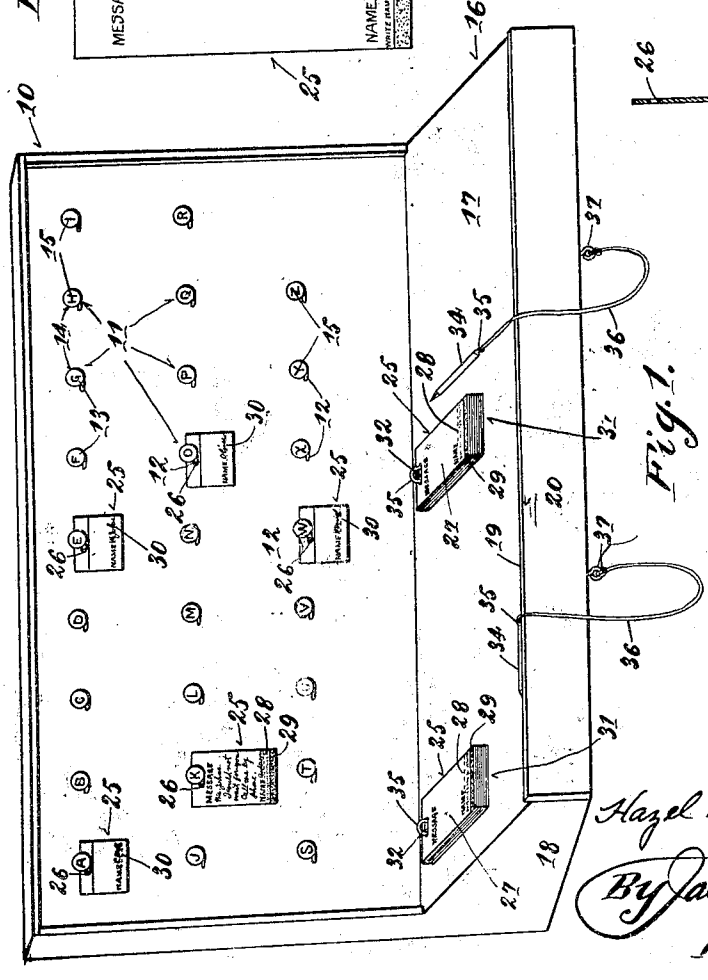


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAZEL D. GREENWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Thomas, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Intelligence Stations, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to intelligence stations where means are provided for leaving messages for perusal by those for whom they are intended, by persons who are unable to keep engagements or meet them personally.

It is the object of my invention to provide means whereby persons between whom there is an appointment may proceed to central pre-determined locations such as hotel lobbies, department stores, or other public buildings, and to leave messages for one or more parties, who for some reason cannot be there at the stated time, and further to enable intelligence to be transmitted between persons who pass a given location at different times, without the necessity of wasting their time in making appointments, and further to enable directing heads of organizations to convey instructions to subordinates whose duties are such as not to admit of their making definite appointments.

It is another object of my invention to so construct my improved device, as to readily enable persons to find messages intended for them, and also to prevent their perusal by uninterested parties.

My invention consists in providing boards with alphabetically arranged places for messages, that are adapted to be written on blank forms suitably prepared for sealing, and located at centrally accessible points.

My invention further consists in the parts and combination and arrangement of parts, as herein described and claimed.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved device.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the message form.

Fig. 3 is a vertical cross section of the same on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the message form.

Fig. 5 is an elevation of the message form showing its appearance after being sealed.

Fig. 6 is a vertical cross section of the same.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of one of the alphabetically designated hooks for holding the message forms.

In the embodiment of my invention, as illustrated, a vertically arranged board 10 has thereon hooks 11. The hooks consist of screw shanks 12, having plates 13 on their outer ends. Front surfaces 14 of the plates have alphabetical letter designations 15 thereon. A writing desk 16 is secured to the lower end of the board, and may consist of an inclined surface 17 and side pieces 18. A ledge 19 is formed by extending the front side 20 of the desk above the upper surface thereof to prevent objects from rolling off.

Message forms 25 of suitable size, have at their upper ends slots 26 of such dimensions as will pass over the plates 13 of the hooks and hang thereon. The message blanks may have imprinted on their upper left hand corners a designation such as the word "Message," indicating the blank space 27 thereon, where the information, message, or other intelligence is to be written by persons desiring to utilize the station. Below the blank space, the word "Name" may be imprinted and also a blank line 28 in conjunction therewith, for the signature of the person writing the message. Also instructions for using the blanks may be imprinted below the name, such as "Write name plainly on reverse side and seal." Below this last named imprint and along its lower edge, the blank is coated with a strip of adhesive material 29, adapted to be moistened for purposes hereafter described. On the reverse side of the blank the word "Name" and a blank line 30 in conjunction therewith is imprinted, designed to be used for writing the name of the person for whom the message is intended.

The message forms may be made up in the form of pads 31 the slots 26 being so arranged as to form apertures 32 therein. Retaining staples 33 secured in the desk co-act with the apertures 32 to hold the blanks in position. Pencils 34 of any suitable form have on their rear ends eyes 35. Flexible connections 36, such as a cord, have one of their ends secured to the eyes on the pencils and their other ends secured to screw eyes 37 fastened in the desk.

The manner in which the station is utilized for the transmission of intelligence, is best illustrated by describing the movements of two hypothetical persons whom we will designate as Mr. King and Mr. Jones. We will assume that Mr. King has agreed on some former occasion to meet Mr. Jones in the corridor of a certain hotel at 9.30 a. m. where we will assume one of these stations is located. Mr. King has kept the engagement, but Mr. Jones for some reason has been delayed. Mr. King, however, is unable to wait for Mr. Jones and proceeds to the station which is located nearby and writes the following message on the front face of one of the forms 25 in the space 27:

"I was unable to wait for you as I have another engagement. Will meet you here at 11.30 a. m. tomorrow." He signs his name "J. King" on the line 28 opposite the word "Name," and moistens the strip of adhesive 29 on the lower edge of the message form. He then folds the message form over so as to force the adhesive into contact with the upper part thereof immediately below the slot 26, thereby covering up and sealing the message. He then tears the form off the pad and writes the name of Mr. Jones on the blank line 30, on the reverse side thereof and hangs it up on one of the hooks 11 having the alphabetical letter designation "J." Mr. Jones who arrives at the rendezvous some time later, finds that Mr. King is not there. He proceeds to the board and finds a message addressed to him. He opens the message and observes that it is unnecessary for him to wait, as Mr. King who has already been there, stated that he could not wait, and would see him at the same place tomorrow. Mr. Jones can then proceed about his business without any further delay.

It is further possible to convey messages between persons who are continually moving from one place to another, but who pass the station at different times of the day. Thus, one person can leave a message properly sealed and addressed at this station in the morning and another person, for whom it is intended, can stop at the station during the course of the day and receive such information as desired without the necessity of losing the time by making engagements. Any manner of information intended for persons who are unable to keep their appointments or meet can be transmitted by this method.

My invention is further applicable for use by persons in executive capacities, who desire to issue instructions to subordinates without the necessity of personal interviews. He can in this way better organize his day's work, as he will be free from interruptions.

My improved device forms a means of saving a great deal of time and inconvenience to persons desiring to convey information to one another, without the necessity of meeting personally.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. An intelligence station comprising in combination a vertical board, a plurality of horizontal detachable hooks on said board spaced apart from each other and each having an alphabetical designation thereon and message cards each having an aperture adapted to coact with said hooks respectively for holding the respective message cards on the hooks, and a desk attached to said vertical boards substantially as set forth and for the purposes specified.

2. An intelligence station comprising in combination, a vertical board, a plurality of hooks on said board spaced apart from each other and each having a designation thereon, and message cards each having means adapted to coact with said hooks respectively for holding the respective message cards on the hooks, and a desk attached to said vertical board.

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